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SCIENTISTS BELIEVE THEY HAVE RESURRECTED THE DIRE WOLVES

Colossal Biosciences, a Dallas biotech company, has successfully "de-extincted" the dire wolf, a species that roamed America 12,500 years ago

CLOSELY RESEMBLES ITS ANCESTOR, GRAY WOLF

By harnessing ancient DNA, cloning, and gene-editing technology, scientists have created three dire wolf pups, essentially a hybrid species that closely resembles its extinct ancestor, the gray wolf. The dire wolf, a formidable predator and inspiration for HBO series "Game of Thrones," was characterised by its size, wider head, thicker fur, and stronger jaw

RARE TOOTH AND SKULL USED IN STUDY

- The researchers studied a 13,000 year-old dire wolf tooth unearthed in Ohio and a 72,000 year-old skull fragment found in Idaho
- They took blood cells from a gray wolf and genetically modified them before transferring the genetic material to an egg cell from a domestic dog. Embryos were then transferred to surrogates | P12

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DAYS IS THE TIME IT TOOK FOR THE NEW ENGINEERED PUPS TO BE BORN

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Guv sending reiterated bills to Prez illegal: SC

Invokes spl powers to declare 10 TN bills as passed; sets deadline for guvs

FOUR TIMELINES SET FOR EXPEDITED ACTION

1. In the case of withholding of assent or reservation of the bills for the President upon the aid and advice of the state'S ministers, the governor has to act within a month
2. If assent is to be withheld, contrary to the advice of the ministers, the governor must return the bills with a message within 3 months
3. If bill is to be reserved for the President, contrary to the advice of ministers, guv must do so within 3 months
4. If a bill is reiterated by the state assembly without change, the governor must grant assent within a month

Justice J B Pardiwala

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@ New Delhi

IN a landmark verdict, the Supreme Court on Tuesday held the action of Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi to reserve 10 bills for the President's consideration despite their reiteration by the state assembly "illegal and arbitrary".

The governor has no option but to give assent to the bill that is presented to him after re-passage in the state assembly if it is unchanged, a two-judge bench comprising justices J B Pardiwala and R Mahadevan said.

The court said the governor must act on the aid and advice of the state legislature. "Under Article 200 of the Constitution, the governor does not possess any discretion and has to mandatorily act on the aid and advice of the council of ministers." Article 200 of the Constitution deals with assent to bills.

The bench said once the governor withholds assent, he is obligated to follow the procedure prescribed in the first proviso of Article 200, which is on returning the bill to the House as soon as possible. It exercised its special power under Article 142 to make the bills re-presented to the governor, as deemed to have been passed.

The court pronounced the verdict after hearing a plea filed by the Tamil Nadu government against Governor Ravi for sitting over bills — some for over three years — and later escalating them to the President. The bills were sent to the President shortly after another bench in the Punjab governor's case ruled that the governor does not have pocket veto or absolute veto over bills by squatting over them.

Governor R N Ravi

"The governor cannot sit on bills and exercise pocket veto over them. Article 200 gives the bills passed by the state assembly the authority of an Act. Without this Act, it is only a document of aspiration of people which does not come into effect," said Justice Pardiwala, who authored the judgment. Pocket veto is an indirect veto of a bill by leaving it unsigned till it is too late for it to be dealt with.

The court said though there was no specific time limit under Article 200 for the governor to take his call, it cannot lead to inertia. "Despite there being no prescribed time limits, Article 200 cannot be read in a manner which allows the governor to not take action on the bills, which are presented to him for assent and thereby delay, and essentially roadblock law-making machinery in the state," it said.

For the first time, the court set timelines for gubernatorial clearance of bills, adding failure to adhere to them could invite judicial scrutiny. It gave governors just one month to decide if they wanted to reserve a bill for the President's consideration. If they wanted to withhold assent without the aid and advice of the council of ministers, they have to return the bill within three months. If the bill is reiterated after re-consideration by state assembly, the governor will have to mandatorily give his assent within a month.

The governor must perform his role as a friend, philosopher and guide with dispassion and not be guided by political considerations, the verdict said. "In times of conflict, he must be the harbinger of consensus and resolution, lubricating the functioning of the state machinery by his sagacity, wisdom, and not run it into a standstill." P5,P9

EXPRESS INTAKE

Ortho surgeon Dr Thomas Chandy passes away | P3

Centre files caveat in Waqf case; Act comes into effect | P10

At 73.45, second PU pass percentage dips 7.7

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@ Bengaluru

TOPPERS

Amoolya Kamath (Science): DK | **Deeksha R** (Science):S'mogga | **Deepashree S** (Commerce): DK | **LR Sanjana Bai** (Arts): Ballari

THE Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) announced the results of PU II Exam-1 on Tuesday, with overall pass percentage of 73.45, a drop of 7.7 compared to last year's 81.15.

"Of the 6,37,805 students who appeared for the exam, 4,68,439 passed, with over one lakh of them with distinction. Once again, girls outperformed boys in the three streams," Minister for Primary Education and Literacy Madhu Bangarappa said.

He attributed the dip in this year's overall pass percentage to web streaming, which, he said, allowed for stricter monitoring during the exam. He said the real-time surveillance helped in curbing unfair practices, leading to a more realistic reflection of students' performance.

In all, 2,08,794 students appeared for the exam in Kannada medium. Of them, 1,17,703 passed — a pass percentage of 56.37. While in English medium, of the 4,29,011 students, 3,50,736 passed, registering a pass percentage of 81.75.

The results will be available in respective colleges through the KSEAB PU Exam portal. Students may apply for the scanned copies of their answer scripts till April 13. The copies can be downloaded between April 12 and April 16. The application window for revaluation and retotalling will be open from April 12 to April 17 only for those students who had applied for the scanned copies. **REPORT: P2**

Cong resolution calls Waqf Act polarising, foreign policy weak

PREETHA NAIR @ Ahmedabad

FROM opposing the Waqf Act to India's foreign policy, One Nation, One Election bill and proposed delimitation to economic and education policy, the political resolution being discussed at the All India Congress Committee session in Ahmedabad vows to strengthen organisational capacity and competence to fight for *Nyay* (justice) for every Indian.

While the Congress Working Committee meeting on Tuesday gave the draft resolution its final shape, it is expected to be passed at the AICC session on Wednesday.

Reaffirming the party's opposition to the contentious Waqf Act and anti-conversion laws, the resolution said the party is committed to fighting the politics of religious, linguistic, caste-based, and regional divisions. The resolution said the Waqf and anti-conversion laws are part of BJP's polarising strategy.

"We will not allow India to be divided, nor will we allow those who seek to divide it to succeed in their diabolical designs. Our path is clear: Quit hate, Unite India," it said. Terming the Centre's foreign policy a weak-kneed one, the resolution said the BJP government has compromised the country's foreign policy at the altar of individual branding and serving vested interests.

"Though Congress remains a strong votary of close ties with the US, it can never happen at the expense of India's national interests," said the resolution.

EXPRESS READ

Soon, go on guided tour inside Vidhana Soudha

Bengaluru: Tourists can soon get a peak into the power corridors of the state -- Vidhana Soudha. The government is planning to allow guided tours inside the imposing structure on the lines of Delhi's Rashtrapati Bhavan | P4

104%

U.S. TARIFF ON CHINA

Trump is set to impose a whopping 104% in levies across all Chinese imports, White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt said | P12

DCM'S DREAM

BBMP chooses Jnanabharathi campus for skydeck project

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

AFTER shuffling between multiple locations, the BBMP has decided to construct Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar's pet project, the 250-metre-tall skydeck, on the Bangalore University campus in Jnanabharathi, near the Metro station, with an eye on improving tourism on the Bengaluru-Mysuru Road.

This location was proposed in August 2024, but then dropped, citing students' education being affected as a concern. However, now the BBMP has finalised and gone a step ahead.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girnath has written to the education department and held meetings to get 15 acres of land at the Jnanabharathi campus, giving multiple proposals to the department and the Bangalore University (BU) to choose from, to turn the dream of Shivakumar — who is also Bengaluru-in-charge minister — into reality. In the recently approved BBMP budget, Rs 400 crore was earmarked for the skydeck project, of which Rs 50 crore is for initial works and preparation of detailed project report.

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